

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE,
BASE ENGINEER MAINTENANCE SHOP
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2893)
Florida Street
Plattsburgh
Clinton County
New York

HAER No. NY-326-AG

PHOTOGRAPHS

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Location: Florida Street, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.621620.4945800
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

Date of Construction: 1956

Architect/Engineer: Unknown

Present Owner: United States Air Force

Present Use: Storage

Significance: Building No. 2893 has served various functions since its construction in 1956. Its earliest use was as the temporary Crew Readiness Facility while Building 2895 was being constructed and made ready. In the 1970s, the building was used for squadron operations, and later for security police operations. It was last used as the Base Engineer Maintenance Shop. In that capacity, the building was used to oversee the organization and work program of the base civil engineer, including plumbing and heating, carpentry, refrigeration, electrical, welding, sheet-metal, and painting.

Project Information: Building 2893 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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Summary Description of Base Engineer Maintenance Shop (Building No. 2893)

Layout

Building No. 2893 is a 5,376 square-foot, one-story, reinforced concrete building built atop a reinforced concrete foundation. The building is rectangular in plan and measures 48'-0" x 112'-0". It has a flat roof that is painted beige. Fenestration for this building was originally two-over-two, double-hung, wood sash windows occurring individually, in pairs, or in groups of threes and fours. The windows have precast concrete sills.

Alterations/Additions

Circa 1985, one-over-one, double-hung, metal sash windows replaced the original wood windows in Building No. 2893. Notwithstanding the replacement windows, however, the fenestration pattern remains intact, and there have been no other major alterations or additions to the building.

Function

Building No. 2893 was a multi-use building in the Plattsburgh AFB inventory. Its most recent use was in a support capacity for base engineering responsibilities.

Significance

Building No. 2893 is similar in construction and appearance to Buildings 2796, 2797, 2840, 2841, and 2892. As such, it was a building type readily adaptable to varied functions on Air Force bases; because the building was capable of serving in so many, varied capacities, it was important to the overall Strategic Air Command Cold War mission.

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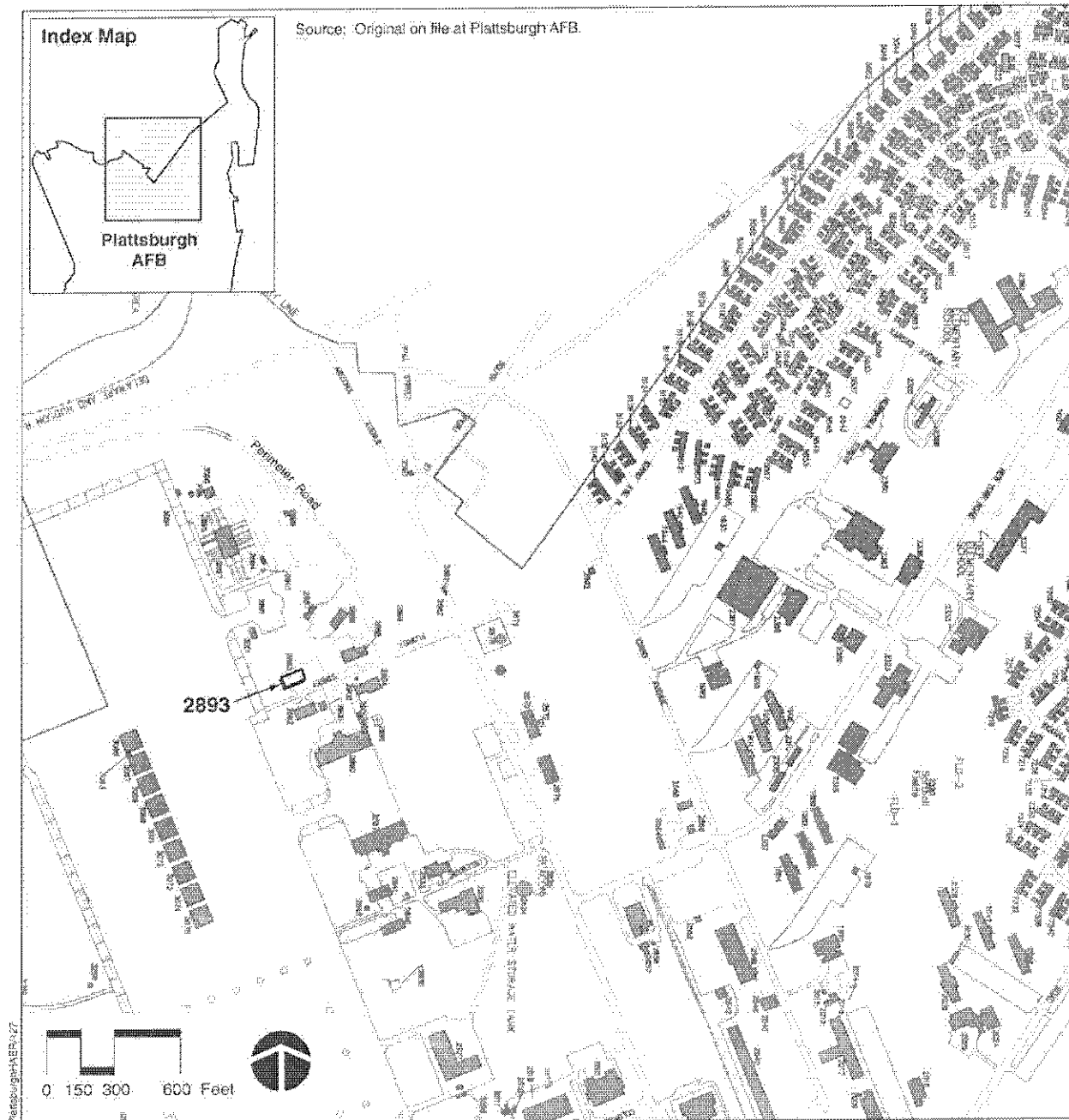
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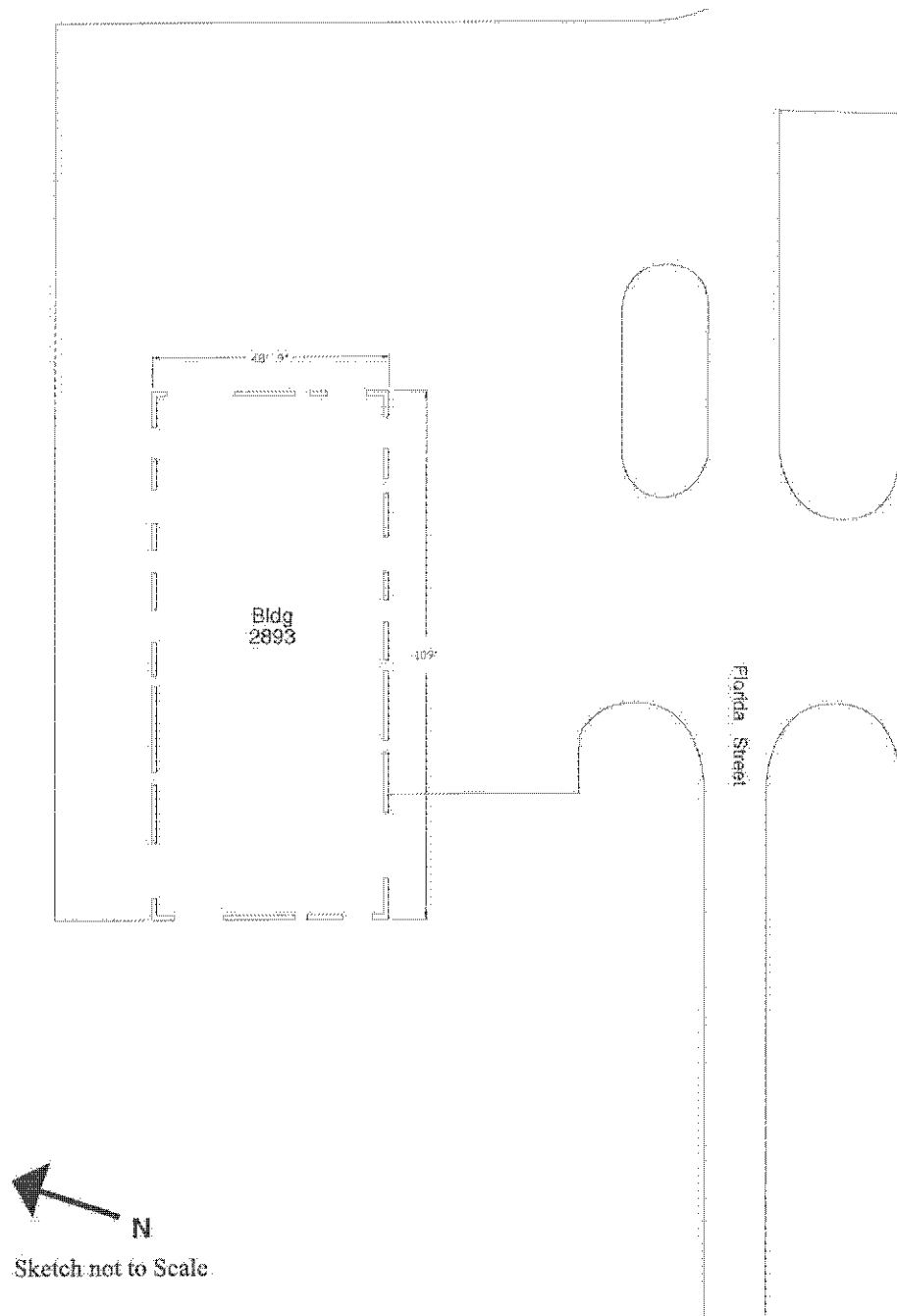
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